GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:283
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2002
PRODUCTION OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply position of sugar during each of the last two years, till date;

(b) whether the Government have estimated the domestic demand of sugar during 2002-2003;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to meet the production target fixed for 2002-2003?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b),(c),&(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),&(d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.283 FOR ANSWER ON 02-08-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The internal demand of sugar during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 sugar seasons (October -

September) was about 155 lakh MTs and 162 lakh MTs respectively. For the current sugar season, the internal demand is estimated at about 170 lakh MTs. The production of sugar in the sugar seasons 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 was 181.93 lakh MTs and 185.10 lakh MTs respectively. During the 2001-2002 sugar season, the production is estimated to be over 180 lakh MTs.

(b)&(c): During the ensuing 2002-2003 sugar season, the internal demand of sugar is projected at about 179 lakh MTs.

(d): The production target for 2002-2003 sugar season is provisionally estimated at 185 lakh MTs. However, considering the weather conditions, it is premature at this stage to indicate the likely production during 2002-2003 sugar season.

It may also be pointed out that carry forward stocks of sugar as on 30.9.2001 were 103.63 lakh MTs. After accounting for internal consumption of 170 lakh MTs and export of 10 lakh MTs, the closing stocks as on 30.9.2002 are projected at 103.63 lakh MTs. Therefore, the availability of sugar from domestic sources is comfortable to meet the internal demand.